

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the above-referenced Office Action, and reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

The undersigned has been asked to represent the Applicants in this matter and has submitted herewith a petition to revive. Power of attorney was previously submitted and is believed to have been entered into the record. Applicants previously submitted this application and subsequently submitted a design patent application (29/223,886) *pro se*. In allowing the present application to go abandoned, the Applicants did not fully understand the procedures involved in patent prosecution and the impact of their actions or inactions. Accordingly, they have sought the assistance of the undersigned. Applicants wish to revive the original application and wish to proceed with prosecution of the original application with the assistance of the undersigned.

As a result, the undersigned submits herewith a substitute specification which is more in accord with conventional patent practice and is believed to overcome the objections outlined in sections 4 - 6 of the most recent Office Action. New drawings are also submitted herewith in response to section 7 which are believed to comply with the rules. The application as filed includes detailed engineering drawings, some of which have been redrafted into patent drawings. In an effort to place the specification in a more proper condition, the specification has been redrafted to properly make reference to element numbers in the new drawings. The new specification and drawings, while deviating somewhat in form and wording and arrangement of the original specification, contain no new matter over and above that contained in the application as filed. Applicants submit that the original submission of full engineering drawings fully meets the enablement and best mode requirements for disclosure. The description contained in the substitute specification does not extend beyond the bounds of that original disclosure.

Responsive to the claim objections, new claims have been drafted which comply with standard patent drafting practice. The undersigned is uncertain that inserting a new set of claims into the substitute specification is a proper mechanism for adding claims, and therefore, has addressed the new claims by claim amendment in the present document, while leaving the original claims in the substitute specification for continuity. The specification and abstract have

been redrafted to be more in compliance with conventional patent practice. In view of the inexperience of the Applicants in these matters and lack of representation, statements made in the application as originally filed should not be construed in any manner as an admission against their interest.

Regarding the claim rejections, Applicants submit herewith a new set of claims which are believed to be in compliance with standard claim drafting practice and are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and §103. The new claims specifically call out the double container arrangement including drain and venting mechanisms which are neither shown nor suggested in the art of record.

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submit herewith an information disclosure statement (IDS) formally presenting the references that were previously submitted embedded within the body of the specification, and further adding a specific reference to Igloo brand coolers discussed as state of the art in the original specifications. This IDS is believed to be comprehensive in that it lists all references previously discussed in the originally submitted specification as well as those identified by the Examiner in his search and prior Office Action.

Regarding the Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejections have been addressed by cancellation of the claims and submission of new claims in proper claim format.

Regarding the Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the drafting of new claims that are more in keeping with standard claim drafting practice. Each of the claims now clearly call for the double cooler apparatus to have a drain and vent mechanism that is opened or closed by positioning of the lid to reveal the drain and vent mechanisms. This permits the core container (inner reservoir) to be readily drained by pouring out its contents without wasting the contents of the outer reservoir. Moreover, the structure claimed permits the contents of the outer reservoir to

be preserved and replenished without dilution from ice and without waste from draining the contents of the inner reservoir.

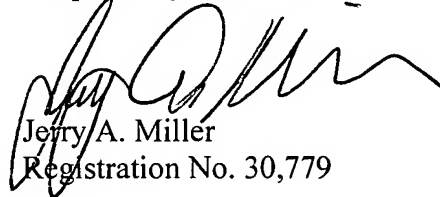
None of the art of record or known to the Applicants or undersigned teaches or suggests such a structure. Accordingly, it is submitted that the newly presented claims are clearly allowable and such is respectfully requested.

Concluding Remarks

The undersigned earnestly solicits the Examiner's patience and understanding in review of this response. In view of Applicants' earlier attempts to prosecute this application *pro se*, and the obvious informalities of the claims as originally submitted, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone call in an effort to resolve issues if at all possible prior to issuance of a final rejection.

All amendments made hereby are made to correct defects resulting from the Applicants' unfamiliarity with standard practices in preparation of a patent application. No amendment made was intended to narrow the scope of any claim. In view of this communication, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested at an early date. If further matters remain to be resolved, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone interview. The undersigned can be reached at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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